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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 2756

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FOR: DATA TRANSFER CONTROL

DEVICE, RELAY DEVICE AND CONTROL DEVICE SUITABLE FOR HOME NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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This communication is in response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2000.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-90 are pending in the present application. No claims have been added, amended or canceled.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-90 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is unpatentable over <u>Keshav</u>. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

First, Applicants respectfully submit this rejection is defective and request the finality of this Office Action be withdrawn for the following reasons.